

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 13-0122R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Middleton, Stokes, Kraft, Henry, Holton, President Young,  
Councilmembers Cole, Scott, Reisinger, Clarke, Branch, Curran, Welch, Spector, Mosby  
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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**1                    Coordinating Resources to Effectively Align and Transform Energy Services**

2                    FOR the purpose of requesting that representatives from the agencies leading up the City's  
3                    expanded energy assistance efforts through the CREATES program appear before the  
4                    Council to discuss CREATES and the new opportunities it will provide in Baltimore.

**5                    Recitals**

6                    In August the City began accepting millions of dollars from Exelon's State-mandated  
7                    Customer Investment Fund (CIF) to be used for energy saving programs in Baltimore. City  
8                    government will eventually receive nearly \$53 million for its Coordinating Resources to  
9                    Effectively Align and Transform Energy Services (CREATES) program. \$17 million more from  
10                    the CIF will also be going to fund energy assistance programs at two Baltimore based nonprofits  
11                    as well.

12                    The multiple awards to CREATES from the CIF will support eight mutually reinforcing  
13                    initiatives that together will assist tens of thousands of Baltimoreans. The funded initiatives  
14                    include financing for co-generation facilities at the City's wastewater treatment plants, urban heat  
15                    island mitigation efforts, energy efficiency assistance for city non-profits and others serving  
16                    low-income populations, improved weatherization capabilities for low-income residences,  
17                    distribution of programmable thermostats and energy efficient light bulbs, widespread energy  
18                    efficiency education, improved coordination and case management to assist households with  
19                    chronic energy payment difficulties, and support for the Baltimore Energy Challenge.

20                    Taken as a whole, the CREATES program, and the infusion of CIF funding for Baltimore's  
21                    energy assistance efforts, will put our ability to meet the City's energy goals into a whole new  
22                    gear. In order to get the most out of these new capabilities it is important that new and existing  
23                    efforts be well coordinated, as envisioned under the CREATES plan, and that the public at large  
24                    be well informed about the expanded energy opportunities.

25                    CREATES includes funding and planning for extensive outreach, but no opportunity for  
26                    publicizing the expanded menu of energy initiatives should be lost. These efforts deserve the full

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
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1 support of the City Council and the inroads to our communities that Councilmembers can  
2 provide. Further community support can also be leveraged by making use of the opportunity for  
3 publicity and direct communication between CREATES leadership and both Councilmembers  
4 and the general public that a formal Council hearing can provide.

5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
6 Council requests that representatives from the agencies leading up the City's expanded energy  
7 assistance efforts through the CREATES program appear before it to discuss CREATES and the  
8 new opportunities it will provide in Baltimore.

9 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
10 Director of General Services, the Housing Commissioner, the Planning Director, the Director of  
11 the Office of Sustainability, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Human Services, the Executive  
12 Director of the Commission On Aging and Retirement Education, and the Mayor's Legislative  
13 Liaison to the City Council.